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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Basic Intelligence

THROUGH: Chief, Geographic Research, Research and Reports

SUBJECT: Comments on Army Chapter IX Proposals

REFERENCE: Memo from Army NIS Representative to Chairman,
NIS Committee dated 29 November 1960, subject:
NIS Chapter IX Production Forecast FY 1962-
FY 1963 (U)

1. Referenced Army memorandum contains several questionable or confusing features. None of them need develop into a problem, but all will require attention. For your information these features are as follows:

a. Paragraph 1. The memorandum proposes reductions in Chapter IX production on the basis of Army, not OBI, schedules. Although presented as falling within FY 1962, NIS 7 is actually due at OBI as a completed and coordinated draft in FY 1963. NIS 18 is presented as falling within FY 1963 but is actually due in its final form in FY 1964. The Army proposal thus does not accomplish the result stated. The basic propriety of the proposal is, of course, extremely questionable. I personally feel that the matter of reduced production should be considered by the Chapter IX Subcommittee prior to any discussion at the NIS Committee level, in this way making available to the Committee the views of individual contributors and a consensus of working level opinion as to the overall effects of the proposal. Obviously, the Subcommittee should also be the body to recommend Areas to be dropped, if such action in time becomes necessary.

b. Paragraph 2. This part of the memorandum is confusing in several respects. It states that the Chapter IX Subcommittee should "be directed" to prepare outline guides as soon as possible. Such direction has already been provided by the NIS Committee in approving the Subcommittee proposal which contained such recommendation. It states that the Army Coordinator for NIS Chapter IX is prepared to develop those outline guides which would be "an Army responsibility." Such a procedure conflicts with that specified above and relates to an action that is normally initiated by the Coordination Staff in D/GG acting for the NIS Chapter IX Coordinator. As matters stand, we are

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developing the revised guides (most of which involve rearrangement rather than rewriting of content) in consultation with the contributors involved and will submit them to the Chapter IX Subcommittee prior to forwarding to you. Finally, the paragraph specifies when the revised outline should be implemented on initial and maintenance production. Such a question is one relating to working details that must be studied by the Chapter IX Subcommittee, and I would expect Army views to be presented by the Army member thereof, not by the Army Representative on the NIS Committee. In each of these points, the memorandum displays a considerable, and odd, ignorance of the Chapter IX situation and coordinating procedures.

c. Paragraph 3. My confusion here results from the fact that the paragraph exists at all. On the face of it, the paragraph recommends what has already been approved by the NIS Committee; namely, that all of Section 93 except Postal Maps will be produced by Army, which involves (in accordance with standing procedure) an internal coordination of subcontributions from AMS and the Signal Intelligence Agency. Since there seems to be no purpose to the paragraph on this basis, one wonders whether the Army Representative has something else in mind. This might involve a feeling that CIA should send over its Postal Maps contribution for physical packaging by Army (AMS is the primary action agency) in the interest of formality. It also might, as you indicated in our phone conversation, involve simply the presentation of Army's view that it should receive the Section credit. Lastly, it may represent a step in claiming more formal status for the new "Section Coordinator." In any case the paragraph is unclear and relates to thoughts that initially, I would think, should be proposed by the Army Representative on the Chapter IX Subcommittee.

2. As you are doubtless aware, we at one time experienced unsatisfactory working relationships with Army. The problem stemmed in part from internal Army politics (e.g., ACSI vs. the Engineers) and in part from the personality of the then Army incumbent on the Chapter IX Subcommittee. At present there is no real problem, but because of the multiplicity of its subcontributors Army remains a very different part of the Chapter IX picture. I am therefore sensitive to any apparent tendency by Army to depart from established procedure or take action unilaterally.

3. I envision no necessity for action by you or OEI at this time, except as you may desire Subcommittee guidance on the proposed reduction

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of Chapter IX production. All other matters referred to in the memorandum have or will be handled as a part of normal action by the Subcommittee and the Coordination Staff.


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